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LITERACY CAMPAIGN IN NOTIFIED DISTRICTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the total literacy campaign has been initiated in the notified districts;

(b) if so, the areas covered under this campaign so far;

(c) the targets fixed for such scheme during the Eighth and Ninth Five Year Plans and the extent to which the target has been achieved; and

(d) the steps taken for the effective implementation of this scheme in the notified areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a)&(b) Total Literacy Campaign has been initiated in 559 out of 588 districts in the country.

(c) Against a target of 345 districts for Eighth Five Year Plan, 428 districts were covered.The present target is to attain full literacy i.e. sustainable threshold level of 75 percent literacy by 2005. According to National FamilyHealth Survey 2 literacy rate in 1998 was 66.9% in 15-39 age group.

(d) Following steps have been taken :

(i) NLM parameters have been revised and financial norms enhanced.

(ii) Decentralization and delegation of financial and administrative powers to State Literacy Mission Authorities

(SLMAs).

(iii) The integrated Total Literacy Campaign and Post Literacy Programmes approach to achieve continuity efficiency and convergence.

(iv) Under Continuing Education Programme neo literates are provided opportunities for skill development, income generating programmes and individual interest programmes. Centres also work for removal of residual illiteracy.

(v) Jan Shikshan Sansthans to provide vocational and technical skills in both rural and urban areas.